

**From:** LoBianco, Tom [mailto:TLoBianco@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2011 5:10 PM  
**To:** Andy Klotz  
**Subject:** records request: Sugarland contract

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August 22, 2011

Andrew Klotz  
Public Relations Manager  
Indiana State Fair  
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Dear Andrew:

Pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act (Ind. Code 5-14-3), I would like to obtain a copy of the contract that Indiana State Fair officials signed with the band Sugarland to perform at the Indiana State Fair on Aug. 13, 2011.

In addition, I request copies of all other data sought by any other agency under public records laws that pertain to the weather conditions before the Sugarland concert, the stage collapse and the decisions made before and after about whether to evacuate the grandstand and how to proceed following the collapse.

I understand that there may be a copying fee for these records. Please inform me of that cost prior to making the copy. I can be reached at 317-631-8629 or by email at [tlobianco@ap.org](mailto:tlobianco@ap.org).

According to the statute, you have 7 days to respond to this request. If you choose to deny the request, you are required to respond in writing and state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully,

Tom LoBianco  
Indiana politics reporter  
The Associated Press

**From:** LoBianco, Tom [mailto:TLoBianco@ap.org]

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2011 12:38 PM

**To:** Andy Klotz

**Subject:** two questions

Hey Andy, two questions:

- When was the last time the state fair shut down for a day?
- Can I get a copy of the fair's emergency weather plan and emergency weather communications plan?

Many thanks,  
Tom

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## **RESPONSE FROM INDIANA STATE FAIR COMMISSION**

August 31, 2011

Tom LoBianco  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: August 22, 2011 Public Records Request

Mr. LoBianco:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-3, et seq., this letter serves as the Indiana State Fair Commission's partial response to your public records requests, dated August 22, 2011 regarding information held by the Commission.

Specifically, you request the following:

**"a copy of the contract that Indiana State Fair officials signed with the band Sugarland to perform at the Indiana State Fair on Aug. 13, 2011."**

**"copies of all other data sought by any other agency under public records laws that pertain to the weather conditions before the Sugarland concert, the stage collapse and the decisions made before and after about whether to evacuate the grandstand and how to proceed following the collapse."**

At this time, the Commission has identified and gathered some of the documents broadly described in your request that may be maintained as a public record by the Commission and that are disclosable under the Access to Public Record Act. We will continue to work to identify the remainder of your records request and will in a reasonable amount of time.

In addition to providing you with these documents via e-mail, the Commission has dedicated a section of its website to public document release. Disclosable documents requested by the media and members of the public will be posted online at the following link:  
[www.in.gov/sfc/2340.htm](http://www.in.gov/sfc/2340.htm). Please be sure to monitor this site for future document release.

We thank you for your patience with the Commission at this time, and please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding your request.

Sincerely,

Stephanie McFarland, APR  
Caldwell VanRiper, on behalf of the Indiana State Fair Commission

August 24, 2011

Tom LoBianco  
The Associated Press  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: August 22, 2011 Public Records Request

Mr. LoBianco:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-3, et seq., this letter formally acknowledges receipt by the Indiana State Fair Commission of your public records request, dated August 22, 2011, and received by me on the same, regarding information held by the Commission.

Specifically, you request the following:

"a copy of the contract that Indiana State Fair officials signed with the band Sugarland to perform at the Indiana State Fair on Aug. 13, 2011."

"copies of all other data sought by any other agency under public records laws that pertain to the weather conditions before the Sugarland concert, the stage collapse and the decisions made before and after about whether to evacuate the grandstand and how to proceed following the collapse."

The Commission is working to identify and gather the documents broadly described in your request that may be maintained as a public record by the Commission and that are properly disclosable under the Access to Public Record Act. Pursuant to IC 5-14-3-8, there is a ten cent (\$0.10) copying fee, per page that is charged for these requests and we will inform you of that cost prior to making any copy.

We thank you for your patience with the Commission at this time, and please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding your request.

Sincerely,

Andy Klotz, APR  
Media Relations Director  
Indiana State Fair Commission